THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) The enquiry report is under examination. Thereafter, the information will be laid on the Table of the House.

Scrapping of Railway projects

424. SHRI R. P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a plan has been drawn up to scrap a large number of Railway projects which were approved over ten years ago but have not yet been started;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the investments made in these specific projects;

(c) whether it is fact that many of these projects were formulated without detailed project reports, pre-project activities or a proper tie-up of financial resources; and

(d) if so, the details of such projects and the compulsions/reasons for undertaking them without following the established sound project management practices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Disaster Management infrastructure in Railways

425. SHRI R. P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a fresh review has been undertaken to assess the disaster management infrastructure and its effectiveness on the Indian Railways, especially in the wake of the recent Rajdhani Express accident;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the additional relief and emergency facilities proposed to be created in the disaster management units in the different zones; and